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IN THE CLAIMS

The status of each claim is shown below. No amendments or cancellations have been made.

Claims 1-27 (Cancelled.)

28. (Previously presented) A plant comprising:

(a) plant cells containing nucleotide sequences encoding a biologically functional multimeric protein comprising at least two different polypeptides not naturally produced by plants, wherein each nucleotide sequence encoding a polypeptide of the multimeric protein encodes a leader sequence forming a secretion signal that is cleaved from said polypeptide following proteolytic processing; and

(b) biologically functional multimeric protein encoded by said nucleotide sequences and resulting from assembly of said at least two different polypeptides wherein the multimeric protein is an abzyme.

Claims 29-30 (Cancelled)

31. (Previously presented) A plant comprising:

(a) plant cells containing nucleotide sequences encoding a biologically functional multimeric protein comprising at least two different polypeptides not naturally produced by plants, wherein each nucleotide sequence encoding a polypeptide of the multimeric protein encodes a leader sequence forming a secretion signal that is cleaved from said polypeptide following proteolytic processing; and

(b) biologically functional multimeric protein encoded by said nucleotide sequences and resulting from assembly of said at least two different polypeptides wherein the multimeric protein comprises an immunoglobulin.

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32. (Previously presented) The plant of claim 31 wherein the immunoglobulin comprises a Fab.

33. (Previously presented) The plant of claim 31 wherein the immunoglobulin comprises a Fab'.

34. (Previously presented) The plant of claim 31 wherein the immunoglobulin comprises a F(ab')₂.

35. (Previously presented) The plant of claim 31 wherein the immunoglobulin comprises a Fv.

36. (Previously presented) The plant of claim 31 wherein the immunoglobulin comprises an antibody.

37. (Previously presented) The plant of claim 31 wherein the immunoglobulin contains a paratope.

38. (Previously presented) A plant comprising:

(a) plant cells containing nucleotide sequences encoding a biologically functional multimeric protein comprising at least two different polypeptides not naturally produced by plants, wherein each nucleotide sequence encoding a polypeptide of the multimeric protein encodes a leader sequence forming a secretion signal that is cleaved from said polypeptide following proteolytic processing; and

(b) biologically functional multimeric protein encoded by said nucleotide sequences and resulting from assembly of said at least two different polypeptides wherein the multimeric protein comprises a glycosylated immunoglobulin molecule free of sialic acid residues.

Claims 39-42 (Cancelled)

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43. (Previously presented) A plant cell containing nucleotide sequences encoding an antigen-specific immunoglobulin, said nucleotide sequences encoding an immunoglobulin heavy and light chain polypeptide wherein each polypeptide contains a leader sequence that forms a secretion signal; and immunoglobulin encoded by said nucleotide sequences, wherein each leader sequence is cleaved from said immunoglobulin heavy chain and light chain polypeptide following proteolytic processing resulting in assembly of said antigen-specific immunoglobulin.

Claims 44-49 (Cancelled)

50. (Previously presented) The plant cell of claim 43 wherein the immunoglobulin is an abzyme.

Claims 51-53 (Cancelled).

54. (Previously presented) The plant cell of claim 43 wherein the immunoglobulin comprises a Fab.

55. (Previously presented) The plant cell of claim 43 wherein the immunoglobulin comprises a Fab'.

56. (Previously presented) The plant cell of claim 43 wherein the immunoglobulin comprises a F(ab')₂.

57. (Previously presented) The plant cell of claim 43 wherein the immunoglobulin comprises an Fv.

58. (Previously presented) The plant cell of claim 43 wherein the immunoglobulin comprises an antibody.

59. (Previously presented) The plant cell of claim 43 wherein the immunoglobulin contains a paratope.

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60. (Previously presented) The plant cell of claim 43 wherein the immunoglobulin is glycosylated, said glycosylation being free of sialic acid residues.

61. (Previously presented) The plant cell of claim 43 wherein the cell is a dicotyledonous plant cell.

62. (Previously presented) The plant cell of claim 43 wherein the cell is a monocotyledonous plant cell.

63. (Previously presented) The plant cell of claim 43 obtained from an algal plant.

Claims 64-68 (Cancelled).

69. (Previously presented) The plant cell of claim 43 wherein the immunoglobulin heavy chain is selected from the group consisting of IgA heavy chain, IgD heavy chain, IgE heavy chain, IgG heavy chain, and IgM heavy chain.

70. (Previously presented) The plant cell of claim 43, wherein said heavy chain is an IgA heavy chain.

71. (Previously presented) The plant cell of claim 43, wherein said heavy chain is an IgM heavy chain.

72. (Previously presented) The plant cell of claim 43, wherein said heavy chain is an IgG heavy chain.

73. (Previously presented) The plant cell of claim 43, wherein said leader sequence is non-native to the plant cell.

74. (Previously presented) The plant cell of claim 73, wherein said non-native leader sequence is an immunoglobulin leader sequence.

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75. (Previously presented) The plant cell of claim 73, wherein said non-native leader sequence is a yeast leader sequence.

76. (Previously presented) The plant cell of claim 43, wherein said leader sequence is a plant leader sequence.

77. (Previously presented) The plant cell of claim 43 wherein said cell is from a tobacco plant.

Claim 78 (Cancelled)

79. (Previously presented) A plant comprising the plant cell of claim 43.

Claims 80-106 (Cancelled).